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Dear Citizen:

I am pleased to present the Roadless Area Conservation Final Environmental Impact Statement. These volumes describe a strategy for conserving National Forest System inventoried roadless areas and their important values. They contain an analysis of management options and the Forest Service's preferred alternative. I expect to render a final decision on this matter in no sooner than 30 days.

I want to thank all those who participated in this rulemaking. The wealth of insights and experience they provided contributed to improvements in development of the proposal and the analysis of social, economic, and environmental effects.

I remain confident that taking action now to conserve roadless areas through this national effort will result in these lands providing lasting values for future generations. I appreciate your participation in achieving this goal.

Sincerely,

MIKE DOMBECK
Chief

